

Appl. No. 10/010,242
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Reply to Office action of May 6, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is in response to the office action dated May 6, 2004. Claims 1- 32 were originally presented in the application. Claims 5, 8, 9, 15, 18 and 19 were previously canceled by amendment. Consequently, claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10-14, 16, 17 and 20-32 were under examination.


Applicant notes that the Examiner allowed claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 10-14.

The Examiner rejected claims 16, 17, and 20-32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). Although Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection on the grounds that the cited reference does not teach each and every element of the claims, Applicant hereby cancels claims 16, 17, and 20-32, without prejudice to filing a continuation application containing those claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests passage of the allowed claims to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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